indicated in the report of the Department of Industries, Madras, for the year 1927-28, have been begun or are being carried out, at what cost, with what establishment, and with what prospects of success under the following heads :—

Industrial Engineering,
Textile Section,
Industrial Education,
Leather Research,
Kerala Soap Institute,
Madras Cottage Industries ?

A.—A statement showing the action taken on the several items of work included in the programme for 1928-29 is appended.[a]

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the statement in Appendix XV, may I enquire why the question of the manufacture of essential oils in the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, has been dropped ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Because of financial considerations."

Action taken on the recommendations of the Textile Committee.

* 316 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed by the Government on the various recommendations of the Textile Committee ; and

(*b*) whether in constituting the Textile Advisory Committee as recommended by the Committee, it is proposed to provide representation to the weavers' co-operative societies ?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 509, Development, dated 22nd March 1929, which was placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The appointment of the Textile Advisory Committee is still under consideration, and the suggestion will be considered.

Appointment of a technically qualified man as the Director of Industries.

* 317 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) since what time the post of the Director of Industries has been held by Revenue officers or Indian Civil Service men ;

(*b*) whether the Retrenchment Committee has recommended that the post of the Director should be held by an officer of the department and not by a member of the Indian Civil Service ;

(*c*) whether any Government Order has been issued to the effect that this recommendation would be given due consideration when the post fell vacant ;

(*d*) if so, when this Government Order was issued and how often vacancies have occurred in this appointment after that ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix XV on pages 600-602 infra.

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(*e*) whether the Industrial Commission has recommended that the Director of Industries must be a man having special qualification for the work he has to do; and

(*f*) whether Government are aware that technical men have been appointed as Directors in several other provinces of this country?

A.—(*a*) Since August 1916.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government Order was issued in February 1924 and after that vacancies have occurred thrice.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. Government understand that that is so in some provinces.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if the Government are considering the appointment as Director of Industries of one who is an expert in Industries?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They have already appointed one, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Is he qualified technically?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He is not technically qualified, but he has got necessary administrative qualifications otherwise."

Veterinary

Starting of a veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur.

*318 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in view of the answers given to question No. 1347 answered on 1st February 1929, whether the Government have decided to start a veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur, Kurnool district, in 1929–30?

A.—Yes.

[For further starred questions please see pages 504–516 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Increase in the percentage of depressed classes appointed as attenders and peons.

319 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the official year ending 31st March 1928 in the District Courts of this Province, out of the total number of 7,546 men serving as peons and attenders and drawing salaries less than Rs. 35 per mensem there were only 46 depressed classes men, i.e., 61 per cent of the total number of appointments; and

(*b*) if the answer be in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of recruiting a higher percentage of depressed class men to the above appointments?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government will consider the suggestion.